

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.
(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1946.													
March ...	66	76	105	43	79	48	76	113	95	164	197	63	160
April ...	66	90	61	14	65	60	78	48	57	98	291	136	152
May ...	39	40	53	24	42	37	35	49	43	13	22	30	18
June ...	23	38	75	64	49	33	38	59	50	6	69	173	44
July ...	17	38	109	34	55	20	42	114	84	1	2	7	2
August ...	2	13	60	8	25	1	14	60	41	20	3	19	16
September ...	203	68	15	156	99	160	47	10	39	101	76	52	88
October ...	34	63	51	17	46	24	61	46	47	103	51	66	85
November ...	84	77	191	73	116	71	100	196	155	45	66	225	73
December ...	78	83	98	116	90	72	88	102	94	79	77	34	72
1947.													
January ...	77	21	8	7	31	51	27	8	18	190	75	31	140
February ...	271	271	176	462	261	263	257	175	207	198	242	160	204
March ...	142	82	151	178	132	100	83	165	136	126	70	39	101

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44; 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45 and 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war time contract. The current clip is being sold by auction under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of new wool.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ...	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503
August ...	105,532	113,506	110,161	66,310	189,247	189,713	178,857	139,813
September ...	158,065	73,356	132,093	206,309	347,312	263,069	310,950	346,122
October ...	173,622	129,588	183,001	209,694	520,934	392,657	493,951	555,816
November ...	128,231	166,656	174,501	128,416	649,165	559,313	668,452	684,232
December ...	94,774	111,713	47,412	67,454	743,939	671,026	715,864	751,686
January ...	135,652	101,888	44,883	22,200	879,591	772,914	760,747	773,886
February ...	60,931	24,884	23,146	17,611	940,522	797,798	783,893	791,497
March ...	43,493	23,799	28,966	23,087	984,015	821,597	812,859	814,584
April ...	42,000	20,854	36,385	...	1,026,015	842,451	849,244	...
May ...	51,274	34,419	49,424	...	1,077,289	876,870	889,668	...
June ...	56,870	41,007	36,141	...	1,134,159	917,877	925,809	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42... ..	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43... ..	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44... ..	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45... ..	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46... ..	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6

Preliminary estimate of the 1946-47 wheat yield is 16,000,000 bushels approximately.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Thousand lb.						
July	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641
August	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758
September	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254
October	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446
November	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070
December	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372
January	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386
February	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384
March	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,060*
April	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	6,185	...
May	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	4,468	...
June	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	2,772	...
Year	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	74,280	...
Nine months ended Mar.	89,717	79,179	76,228	58,146	60,855	46,371*

*Preliminary, subject to slight revision.

5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1947 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
First... ..	18th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	475
Second	15th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	820
Third	15th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	766
Fourth	12th April	886	843	782	755	859	...
Fifth	10th May	1,003	843	930	791	674	...
Sixth	7th June	965	907	866	914	906	...
Seventh	5th July	918	899	884	846	798	...
Eighth	2nd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846	...
Ninth	30th Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911	...
Tenth	27th Sept.	984	868	970	842	975	...
Eleventh	25th Oct.	973	937	870	759	1,017	...
Twelfth	22nd Nov.	965	939	891	869	976	...
Thirteenth	20th Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	...
52 weeks Total† ... ..	...	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above... ..	...	56	60	180	523	756	...
Period of 12 weeks ended*—	21st Mar.	20th Mar.	18th Mar.	17th Mar.	16th Mar.	15th Mar.	
Northern District	1,792	1,696	1,549	1,539	1,524	1,386	
Western District	364	332	328	383	345	343	
Southern District*	489	462	303	478	423	332	
Total (12 weeks)	2,645	2,490	2,180	2,400	2,292	2,061	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above... ..	...	12	22	103	11	166	

* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
1946	101,100	780	1,191,938	212,811	1,200,643	305,206	1,505,849
Month—							
1946—Mar.	106,056	834	1,109,380	161,731	1,161,780	215,387	1,377,167
1947—Feb.	76,790	785	1,278,364	257,684	1,307,047	305,791	1,612,838
Mar.	96,887	831	1,380,641	294,789	1,406,141	366,176	1,772,317
Nine months (July—Mar.)							
1945—46	371,350	5,141	5,836,023	1,116,610	5,899,928	1,424,055	7,323,983
1946—47	1,138,662	7,323	12,475,892	2,435,288	12,594,125	3,455,717	16,049,842

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	I,277	I,074,724	245,069	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	I,126	849,892	215,381	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
1946	I,496	I,599,803	312,566	I,198	I,347,792	116,450	7,894,158
December Quarter—							
1945	I,199	I,095,186	200,042	I,024	994,700	76,595	4,736,264
1946	I,518	I,728,811	366,217	I,081	I,338,394	105,152	8,878,966
Six months (July—Dec.)							
1945	I,933	I,610,426	335,827	I,874	I,642,913	127,004	7,732,805
1946	3,282	3,723,146	703,450	2,421	2,867,653	235,704	18,384,457

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)							
	Houses.			Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b)	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.). (c)	Total.
	New.		Alterations and Additions.					
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs.								
Monthly Average—								
1939	345,374	71,850	42,004	231,830	106,124	42,943	178,164	1,018,289
1944	2,039	11,642	12,397	1,094	85,433	1,459	18,913	133,577
1945	149,698	160,728	31,025	3,680	61,641	4,775	27,729	439,276
1946	555,620	386,772	61,356	52,758	303,006	48,180	98,157	1,505,849
Month—								
1946—March ...	547,686	421,960	55,029	18,250	249,269	10,856	74,117	1,377,167
1947—February ...	708,877	345,550	62,630	63,259	312,384	40,290	79,848	1,612,838
March ...	780,687	353,283	69,722	79,004	347,853	40,042	101,726	1,772,317
Nine Months (July— March)—								
1945-46	2,765,984	2,631,885	427,403	78,379	957,631	61,475	401,226	7,323,983
1946-47	5,957,147	3,364,921	599,258	747,195	3,689,762	579,764	1,111,795	16,049,842
129 Industrial and Rural Towns.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	165,886	439,089	79,029	36,997	28,847	92,367	223,066	1,065,288
1944	2,334	31,353	27,236	1,755	41,784	4,868	37,338	146,663
1945	69,520	345,649	64,606	2,749	53,182	13,512	53,905	603,12
1946	315,060	997,873	134,694	28,043	130,775	85,697	220,227	1,912,369
December Quarter—								
1945	183,353	786,905	110,480	4,984	85,171	20,392	103,943	1,295,228
1946	350,393	1,076,202	129,915	18,995	115,694	93,042	310,877	2,095,028
Six Months (July— December)—								
1945	257,622	1,189,994	182,792	7,712	124,291	38,016	145,796	1,946,253
1946	772,395	2,230,511	294,014	52,666	266,720	209,892	600,398	4,426,596
7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	97,086	117,190	19,726	6,930	1,170	7,348	25,810	275,260
1944	3,774	35,555	11,963	5	8,158	783	10,445	70,683
1945	110,370	388,520	35,281	925	3,831	1,793	13,581	554,301
1946	409,227	891,154	64,908	11,000	13,278	33,019	41,656	1,464,242
December Quarter—								
1945	214,485	772,495	57,634	2,200	330	4,341	19,810	1,071,295
1946	487,435	778,925	66,510	18,975	14,770	41,200	35,731	1,443,546
Six Months (July— December)—								
1945	369,432	1,260,311	97,864	2,200	4,030	5,401	30,679	1,769,917
1946	964,511	1,766,392	147,303	32,225	36,020	80,980	81,926	3,103,357

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. (c) Revised by exclusion of garages added to existing houses.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of March.			Nine Months ended March.		
	*1945.	1946.	1947.	*1945.	*1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	260,746	377,078	487,378	1,563,629	3,139,832	3,509,695
Remainder of State...	108,419	195,979	232,119	2,212,441	1,497,269	2,193,761
Total, N.S. Wales ...	369,165	573,057	719,497	3,776,070	4,637,101	5,703,456

*Revised.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Million £.									
Year.	200-29	202-79	229-03	238-65	240-54	251-40	251-74	299-76	...
January ...	13-24	16-33	15-83	18-69	17-18	18-01	18-62	17-62	21-70
February ...	16-54	14-64	17-48	19-39	21-60	20-48	21-48	21-72	26-28
March ...	15-78	16-97	17-40	19-53	19-44	18-00	21-75	22-33	...
April ...	15-79	17-88	19-06	19-19	21-88	21-68	20-81	26-88	...
May ...	17-46	14-85	18-75	20-72	19-56	21-45	22-24	25-21	...
June ...	14-88	17-07	21-76	18-93	20-91	20-67	19-40	23-58	...
July ...	15-28	16-74	17-63	19-17	19-81	20-87	22-01	25-74	...
August ...	16-81	17-17	20-41	20-86	18-75	23-82	20-22	28-74	...
September ...	19-44	17-48	21-60	19-59	19-93	21-46	23-72	28-97	...
October ...	19-22	18-50	18-25	22-06	20-80	21-82	22-36	26-56	...
November ...	17-53	18-13	20-58	19-54	21-07	20-30	} 39-13 {	24-65	...
December ...	18-32	17-03	20-28	20-98	19-61	22-84		27-76	...

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4'8	+ 5'2	+ 11'6	+ 5'0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942 ...	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943 ...	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944 ...	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945 ...	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946 ...	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1946.								
February ...	24	24	+ 37'4	— 9'6	+ 20'5	+ 19'4	+ 25'0	+ 18'2
March ...	26	26	+ 47'8	— 11'4	+ 21'1	+ 19'9	+ 37'2	+ 19'5
April ...	24	22	+ 47'2	— 13'0	+ 32'1	+ 20'2	+ 44'7	+ 24'6
May ...	26	27	+ 51'8	— 12'9	+ 29'4	+ 20'1	+ 49'0	+ 27'4
June ...	25	23	+ 9'6	— 7'5	+ 29'9	+ 21'0	+ 35'3	+ 30'4
July ...	26	27	+ 25'5	+ 1'4	+ 32'8	+ 21'6	+ 28'7	+ 30'7
August ...	25	27	+ 45'4	+ 7'9	+ 31'9	+ 23'4	+ 26'9	+ 31'6
September ...	25	25	+ 31'6	+ 11'6	+ 35'9	+ 21'8	+ 34'6	+ 33'5
October ...	26	26	+ 28'0	+ 21'3	+ 23'4	+ 19'2	+ 34'8	+ 30'2
November ...	26	26	+ 14'2	+ 28'6	+ 28'7	+ 21'7	+ 23'8	+ 29'1
December ...	23	24	+ 33'0	+ 37'9	+ 31'4	+ 17'2	+ 25'0	+ 28'0
1947.								
January ...	25	25	+ 16'7	+ 39'4	+ 34'6	+ 19'7	+ 21'9	+ 31'5
February ...	24	24	+ 11'9	+ 38'8	+ 28'0	+ 12'3	+ 22'2	+ 31'4

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of March.			Nine Months ended 31st March.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945 ...	2,605,413	2,422,958	182,455	23,773,363	18,254,823	5,518,540
1946 ...	2,711,417	2,300,334	411,083	23,292,323	18,120,581	5,171,742
1947 ...	2,637,257	2,141,747	495,510	22,953,375	18,588,049	4,365,326

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,030,000 in year 1945-46.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

‡ Includes amounts not applicable to a particular month.

	Month of March.		Nine Months ended 31st March.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1945 ...	1,509	21,607	14,213	188,249
1946 ...	1,476	22,363	12,129	196,734
1947 ...	1,390	23,177	13,013	194,300

* Partly estimated.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of March—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1945 ...	444,500	34,500	42,181	45,700	3,700	3,719
1946 ...	482,100	31,000	46,005	50,100	2,900	4,140
1947 ...	483,800	3,900	44,700	51,900	(—)200	4,081
Nine months ended 31st March—						
1945 ...	3,941,900	385,500	376,005	417,700	58,900	34,087
1946 ...	3,968,600	149,600	377,926	421,500	30,000	35,094
1947 ...	4,112,100	(—)13,900	‡ 371,830	444,600	3,300	‡ 33,852

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £488,486 in year 1945-46.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

‡ Revised.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.
(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1946.		1947.		
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st March.	30th September.	31st January.	28th February.	31st March.
Cars	216,633	109,916	185,665	190,091	192,466	196,053	196,636	197,156
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	92,460	101,886	107,709	108,785	110,004
Trailers	6,538	6,965	9,187	10,637	11,566	13,531	13,784	14,019
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	1,913	2,143	2,190	2,217	2,261
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	14,561	16,625	18,224	18,565	18,805
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	4,792	5,142	5,609	5,657	5,717
Omnibuses† ...	794	890	1,039	1,061	1,079	1,103	1,112	1,125
Taxi-cabs† ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,357	1,358	1,358	1,364	1,390
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	785	974	1,084	1,097	1,118
Total ..	329,219	267,768	300,343	317,657	333,239	346,861	349,217	351,595

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,744) in October, 1942.

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.‡

Year.	Cars (Including Taxi-cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries, Utilities, Vans and Tractors.					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
1942-43	21	18	12	7	19	7	4	5	2	6	8	13
1943-44	6	4	5	3	5	4	64	86	94	67	74	88
1944-45	6	10	9	5	6	7	53	65	58	38	48	45
1945-46	7	5	5	3	4	10	60	60	38	35	56	102
1946-47	136	194	203	127	195	183	111	104	98	73	107	111

§ Ex-Service vehicles are not included.

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.
(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.			1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
July ... ..	...	...	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078	580,747
August ... ..	...	...	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893	583,172
September ...	...	...	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280	585,985
October ... ..	...	...	515,222	555,450	561,504	571,656	588,321
November ...	...	...	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637	591,001
December ...	...	...	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790	598,643
January ... ..	...	...	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080	608,306
February ...	...	...	533,597	561,066	563,702	570,952	606,880
March ... ..	...	...	536,795	560,665	563,791	573,205	616,114
April ... ..	...	...	537,319	561,638	567,295	576,218	.....
May ... ..	...	...	543,419	563,277	571,616	575,144	.....
June ... ..	...	...	552,044	560,032	572,697	575,864	.....

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	55'80	75'35	Invalid, Old Age Pensions ...	20'45	22'04
Sales	23'74	28'82	Widows' Pensions ...	2'33	2'52
Income	124'38	122'33	Child Endowment ...	13'07	15'13
Payroll	8'38	10'06	Hospital Benefits ...	...	3'34
Estate	2'77	2'83	Other	3'33	3'83
Entertainments ...	3'71	3'83	Payments to States ...	12'08	15'38
Other	1'90	2'18	Tax Reimbursed to States	17'97	23'59
Total Taxes	220'68	245'40	Post Office	15'19	16'65
Post Office	21'22	22'12	Other	35'03	59'38
Other	8'23	17'69	Total	119'45	161'86
Total Revenue ...	250'13	285'21	Defence and Post War—		
			Revenue	136'49	125'92
			Loan	173'24	11'84
			Total Expenditure ...	429'18	299'62

* Includes expenditure from balance held in National Welfare Fund £5,805,000 in 1945-46 and £2,566,000 in 1946-47.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ 000	£ 000		£ 000	£ 000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	2,188	2,188	ing Fund	12,547	12,151
Reimbursement of Taxes...	8,149	9,885	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	...	816	Activities	1,231	1,411
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	3,731	4,232	Net Debt Charges ...	11,316	10,740
Other Taxes	911	931	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	1,090	1,252	Governmental	16,586	19,119
Services	1,040	1,140	Business Undertakings ...	22,650	23,881
Other	3,209	3,000			
Total Governmental	20,318	23,444			
Business Undertakings ...	28,955	29,414			
Total Revenue ...	49,273	52,858	Total Expenditure ...	50,552	53,740

Loan expenditure on works and services during the nine months ended March was gross £5,273,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £5,052,000 in 1946-47, compared with gross £2,716,000 and net £1,940,000 in 1945-46.

Receipts and expenditure of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund are not included in this statement.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318·4	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 " ...	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 " ...	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 " ...	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 " ...	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 " ...	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 " ...	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 " ...	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1945—46						
December ...	606·3	42·2	66·9	115·7	230·0	208·9
January ...	614·2	44·0	71·8	117·0	232·7	208·7
February ...	628·6	44·4	72·4	119·0	243·0	207·7
March ...	636·1	41·5	74·1	120·7	248·9	209·5
1946—47						
December ...	635·0	42·4	24·8	90·6	263·2	261·1
January ...	641·9	46·6	28·5	86·3	267·8	263·6
February ...	650·4	41·8	36·4	84·3	271·6	264·7
March ...	656·2	38·6	38·2	82·7	276·1	268·1

* Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 overseas banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1946—March ...	79·4	197·1	280·2	105·7	217·6	480·0	707·4	248·5
September ...	76·3	200·5	279·6	126·0	206·4	475·9	694·0	285·6
October ...	77·3	202·5	282·4	129·6	206·1	479·9	696·9	294·0
November ...	76·7	202·8	281·5	132·6	205·0	481·5	696·6	300·0
December ...	77·0	206·2	286·3	133·0	204·7	492·4	708·4	303·5
1947—January ...	76·3	208·3	286·9	134·6	203·5	497·7	713·5	307·7
February ...	75·8	210·3	288·2	135·6	203·0	508·6	723·6	308·6
March ...	75·2	212·3	289·8	136·5	202·5	517·9	731·5	312·8

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by monthly averages in *Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by quarterly averages in *New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.			Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.							
1939 ...	113·6	114·9	122·5	1943	169·1	172·3	93·5
1940 ...	126·1	128·1	117·6	1944	200·9	203·6	85·1
1941 ...	134·4	137·3	113·7	1945	217·8	219·8	85·9
1942 ...	142·1	145·3	106·9				

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits.†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1935 ...	77,906	April ...	86,222	156,025	189,566	230,920
1936 ...	80,000	May ...	86,097	157,045	192,884	232,221
1937 ...	81,952	June† ...	87,474	162,867	198,203	236,242
1938 ...	86,016	July ...	87,201	166,751	200,932	237,305
1939 ...	87,474	August ...	86,957	170,104	204,794	236,985
1940 ...	82,111	September ...	86,557	173,037	207,520	235,806
1941 ...	87,750	October ...	86,751	173,981	209,906	234,804
1942 ...	94,538	November ...	86,684	176,748	214,806	233,006
1943 ...	122,405	December ...	86,581	179,128	219,560	231,311
1944 ...	162,867	January ...	86,716	181,801	224,705	230,924
1945 ...	198,203	February ...	87,167	184,725	228,711	230,544
1946 ...	236,242	March ...	86,759	187,894	230,420	229,665

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £21,510,716 at 31st March, 1947, including £255,973 net receipts in March.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.3	98	123	136	150	152	154	196
February ...	75.5	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	96	123	139	147	149	157	194
March ...	80.5	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	93	119	138	146	145	164	193
April ...	70.7	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	...	98	125	150	150	154	176	...
May ...	82.0	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	...	100	125	155	158	160	184	...
June ...	80.3	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	...	101	133	163	166	169	195	...
July ...	71.2	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	...	98	130	155	168	167	206	...
August ...	74.9	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	...	99	135	160	169	168	214	...
September ...	74.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	...	99	134	155	163	166	217	...
October ...	78.0	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	...	100	138	152	159	166	216	...
November ...	86.1	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	...	102	135	149	153	164	211	...
December ...	91.7	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	...	106	136	150	152	159	208	...
Year ...	932.3	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	...	100	131	151	156	160	196	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated. 2 years.	Long- dated. 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'48	3'23
1944	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	...	2'45	3'24
1945	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'47	3'25
1946	4'5	4'3	2'27	2'57	...	1'90	3'24
Months—			1'99	2'64	...		
1946—March ...	4'7	4'3	1'97	2'62	...	1'82	3'24
June	4'4	4'3	1'98	2'74	...	1'78	3'25
September ...	4'4	4'3	1'94	2'51	...	1'88	3'25
November ...	4'5	4'4	1'99	2'56	...	1'92	3'23
December ...	4'5	4'4	2'01	2'77	...	1'96	3'21
1947—January ...	4'5	4'4	1'98	2'85	...	2'02	3'20
February ...	4'5	4'3	2'01	2'71	...	2'01	3'18
March	4'5	4'4	2'01	2'66	...	1'99	3'18

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939†.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	1,591	595	383	608	1,078	1,859
February ...	2,438	1,204	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	1,841	390	611	593	1,179	2,031
March ...	3,623	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	2,225	503	663	688	1,047	2,005
April ...	2,245	1,517	1,931	1,663	3,832	...	2,025	536	302	526	1,431	...
May ...	3,090	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,697	...	2,112	381	495	606	1,641	...
June ...	2,613	1,358	1,809	2,373	3,593	...	1,658	400	687	864	1,708	...
July ...	2,919	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	...	1,950	390	543	902	1,622	...
August ...	3,068	1,379	2,241	2,238	5,670	...	2,770	450	723	861	2,352	...
September ...	2,934	1,551	1,772	2,684	6,440	...	1,501	432	597	1,005	2,328	...
October ...	2,330	1,549	1,654	3,260	5,826	...	1,713	618	634	1,128	2,161	...
November ...	2,381	1,558	1,899	3,106	5,180	...	1,702	558	529	1,072	2,163	...
December ...	2,067	1,592	1,708	2,195	4,105	...	1,344	494	699	899	2,473	...
Year ...	32,157	17,542	19,462	28,293	50,677	...	22,444	5,756	6,866	9,752	21,183	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered. † Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of March.			Three Months ended 31st March.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945	186,005	176,265	46,253	418,824	384,473	202,680
1946	142,497	207,398	96,688	263,316	416,751	258,181
1947	98,853	182,289	124,413	329,527	437,957	264,480

See note under Table 22. *Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1946-Jan.	266.0	225.8	182.1	153.0	291.5	212.8	229.0
Feb.	266.2	226.5	182.3	154.0	291.5	213.0	229.2
Mar.	267.3	227.6	184.0	157.2	292.6	213.5	230.3
April	278.9	236.8	190.2	161.8	306.2	221.5	240.1
May	280.5	239.5	191.1	162.8	306.9	222.8	241.2
June	280.5	239.4	190.9	161.0	306.9	222.3	240.8
July	280.5	239.5	190.5	161.6	306.9	222.3	240.6
Aug.	285.7	244.6	193.6	165.1	312.2	226.2	244.5
Sept.	290.5	250.1	196.2	163.7	322.5	229.9	247.1
Oct.	289.0	251.9	196.4	159.4	322.5	229.3	245.6
Nov.	290.0	251.8	195.9	158.0	322.5	229.1	245.7
Dec.	292.4	251.6	197.3	160.7	322.5	229.7	247.2
1947-Jan.	307.8	289.0	202.9	165.5	343.8	243.8	259.6
Feb.	313.0	298.9	195.0	160.3	360.3	246.4	260.4
Mar.	323.2	310.8	194.3	166.4	380.1	252.9	266.7

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	355	1 8	10	15 3
1946 September...	5	4.17	63	12 7	59	12 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
October ...	5	4.17	66	16 6	61	19 0	354	19 5	10	15 3
November ...	5	4.17	69	10 1	62	13 8	354	19 5	10	15 3
December ...	5	4.17	71	13 0	61	13 6	354	19 5	10	15 3
1947-January ...	5	4.17	77	14 10	66	1 1	354	19 5	10	15 3
February ...	4	3.42	79	5 5	65	11 4	354	19 5	10	15 3

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment, (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (a)	Private Employers. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)		Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
					Gov'tals and Aircraft.	Other.				
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	10.2	191.9	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	21.6	191.7	80.3	32.3	30.0	46.0
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	26.8	191.0	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
1944—July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	20.1	197.5	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4
1945—July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	14.8	199.8	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6
1946—Mar. ...	162.1	418.4	580.5	24.9	6.5	219.6	94.5	37.6	45.5	54.9
April ...	163.4	421.1	584.5	24.2	5.8	222.1	94.3	38.6	45.8	55.9
May ...	166.7	431.5	598.2	25.1	5.6	226.4	96.0	39.4	48.2	57.4
June ...	168.9	436.9	605.8	25.3	5.4	228.2	98.8	40.3	49.0	57.7
July ...	170.2	442.2	612.4	25.3	...	...	99.3	41.8	50.3	58.5
Aug. ...	170.4	448.7	619.1	25.4	...	...	99.9	42.0	51.4	59.3
Sept. ...	170.2	453.7	623.9	25.7	...	...	100.5	42.6	52.3	60.0
Oct. ...	170.9	458.1	629.0	25.8	...	...	100.2	43.5	52.5	60.9
Nov. ...	171.7	461.6	633.3	26.1	...	...	100.9	44.7	52.7	61.3
Dec. ...	172.7	460.9	633.6	26.0	...	...	100.8	46.0	53.0	61.7
1947—Jan. ...	173.5	465.6	639.1	25.9	...	...	101.7	45.0	53.4	62.5
Feb. ...	174.9	465.3	640.2	25.9	...	...	101.5	44.7	53.9	62.9
Mar. ...	175.5	471.2	646.7	25.6	...	...	101.8	44.9	54.6	63.7
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	0.7	75.3	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	3.9	80.9	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	13.2	81.4	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
1944—July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	9.1	82.5	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
1945—July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	5.4	81.0	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5
1946—Mar. ...	35.4	211.4	246.8	0.2	1.1	80.2	13.4	41.0	20.5	71.4
April ...	34.9	210.6	245.5	0.2	0.9	79.7	13.2	40.6	20.4	71.8
May ...	34.4	213.1	247.5	0.2	0.9	80.9	13.1	40.9	20.5	72.4
June ...	33.4	213.1	246.7	0.2	0.8	81.4	13.1	40.8	20.5	72.2
July ...	32.9	214.3	247.2	0.2	...	...	12.6	40.9	20.6	72.2
Aug. ...	32.3	215.0	247.3	0.2	...	...	12.5	40.5	20.9	72.7
Sept. ...	32.1	217.1	249.2	0.2	...	...	12.3	41.1	21.0	73.4
Oct. ...	31.6	219.3	250.9	0.2	...	...	12.1	41.3	21.5	74.1
Nov. ...	31.3	222.2	253.5	0.2	...	...	12.0	43.0	21.4	74.5
Dec. ...	31.2	223.6	254.8	0.2	...	...	11.9	44.8	21.3	74.6
1947—Jan. ...	31.8	220.9	252.7	0.2	...	...	12.2	43.3	21.2	74.7
Feb. ...	31.9	221.2	253.1	0.2	...	...	12.4	42.0	21.4	74.8
Mar. ...	32.0	223.7	255.7	0.3	...	...	12.5	42.1	21.5	75.6
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
33—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	0.6	217.5	...	...	...	...
42—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	10.9	267.2	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	25.5	272.6	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.9
1944—July ...	197.9	575.3	773.2	24.6	40.0	272.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
1945—July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	29.2	280.0	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1
1946—Mar. ...	197.5	629.8	827.3	25.1	20.2	280.8	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1
April ...	198.3	631.7	830.0	24.4	7.6	299.8	107.9	78.6	66.0	126.3
May ...	201.1	644.6	845.7	25.3	6.7	301.8	107.5	79.2	66.2	127.7
June ...	202.3	650.2	852.5	25.5	6.5	307.3	109.1	80.3	68.7	129.8
July ...	203.1	656.5	859.6	25.3	6.2	309.6	111.9	81.1	69.5	129.9
Aug. ...	202.7	663.7	866.4	25.6	...	...	111.9	82.7	70.9	130.7
Sept. ...	202.3	670.8	873.1	25.9	...	...	112.4	82.5	72.3	132.0
Oct. ...	202.5	677.4	879.9	26.0	...	...	112.8	83.7	73.3	133.4
Nov. ...	203.0	683.8	886.8	26.3	...	...	112.3	84.8	74.0	135.0
Dec. ...	203.9	684.5	888.4	26.2	...	...	112.9	87.7	74.1	135.8
1947—Jan. ...	205.3	686.5	891.8	26.1	...	...	112.7	90.8	74.3	136.3
Feb. ...	206.8	686.5	893.3	26.1	...	...	113.9	88.3	74.6	137.2
Mar. ...	207.5	694.9	902.4	25.9	...	...	113.9	85.7	75.3	137.7
					332.5	...	114.3	87.0	76.1	139.3

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1945, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

27. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	141	164	155	173	165	170
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	142	145	159	161	174	181	201
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	143	146	164	165	171	185	199
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	141	147	164	162	172	189	...
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	146	144	166	172	178	192	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	150	154	174	176	176	197	...
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	149	158	171	177	184	195	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	151	157	181	181	177	195	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	151	158	171	172	180	201	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	154	163	162	169	174	203	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	152	161	164	171	179	200	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	153	165	163	169	123	180	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	148	154	167	170	172	191	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years,
1929 to 1931.

28. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	Per cent.
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	...
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	4'3
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	10'1
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	20'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	22'3
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	24'9
December ...	1,015	1,042	1,449	1,176	1,154	23'7
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

29. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
† 1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947...	108 0	110 0			107 0	108 0		

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 30th September, 1946, was 2,929,447 or 39·2 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,170).

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